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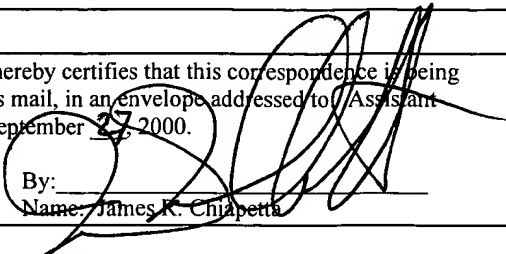
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PATENT

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METHOD

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 28, 2000, please amend the above-referenced application for patent as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 12.

Please enter and consider the following amendments to claims 1, 8, 10 and 19.

1. (Twice Amended) A support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage of an animal, the support device comprising:

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